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Sunday School, 9:30
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Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30
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The above report is furnished for the VISITOR by the efficient secretary of our Sunday-school, Charles Gumper. The VISITOR will hereafter publish a monthly report of the enrollment of new scholars, and by whom the scholars were brought. This first report, giving the enrollment for five Sabbaths, is certainly a very gratifying record. From this report we are convinced of what can be done, if only the effort is made. So far Alice Connell heads the list of successful workers. Fourteen new scholars have been secured for the school by her efforts. Should she continue in this work as faithfully for the remaining nine Sabbaths in this quarter, she will secure for the Sabbath-school, until July 1st, forty new scholars. What would be the result if the Sunday-school might have several dozen such workers? By the close of the quarter, the school would have an enrollment, not only of several hundred, but of fully one thousand scholars. But what should be the result if all our scholars should be willing to give themselves to such earnest work for the Lord, going out and

bringing in the neglected. Certainly then our numbers should be multiplied by tens and by hundreds, and how our Master should be honored and glorified by us. Let us pray that this spirit may be a leaven among us, entering into and possessing the hearts of others of our children, and members of our church, that this good work for Christ may continue with unabated enthusiasm and earnestness. It is the working Sunday-school and church, and working soul that the Lord prospers and blesses abundantly.

Let the officers and teachers of our school see to it, that they are fully awake to their growing opportunities to do good, and that they are in full sympathy with this movement of doing more efficient work for the Master through the Sunday-school. Be instant in prayer, and be watchful for souls as the opportunities present themselves. Teachers remember that to your charge is committed the salvation of many of these children. You are charged with a solemn trust, but what a delightful work it is to win souls for Christ. Look after your scholars as faithful stewards of the Lord. Be at your posts of duty; look to the Master for help and he will never fail you, and you shall rejoice in due time in seeing your pupils brought to the Savior. "For in due season we shall reap; if we faint not."

THE Easter services were delightful and refreshing. Eighteen were added to the church at the communion service. Two children were baptized, while the number of communicants was unusually large. The service in the evening was heartily appreciated by all present. Our next grand rallying service will be on "Anniversary Day" Whit-Sunday June 5th. Get ready for this day. The out-look is promising and we hope to have a large number of accessions to the church, again at that time. Don't lose any time or opportunities to do missionary work among your friends who have no church homes.

Miss Mattie French has been quite sick, but is now able to be out again.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Fifteenth annual Sunday-school convention of St. Joseph Classis will be held in the Reformed Church at Millersburg, Ind., May 10 and 11, 1892.

PROGRAM.

Introductory meeting, Tuesday evening.
7:30—Song service and devotion.
8:00—Annual address, "The Formation of Character Under Bible Influence."
Rev. H. S. Baily, White Pigeon, Mich.
8:30—Organization of convention.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

9:00—Song service and devotion.
9:30—a. "How Shall We More Deeply Interest the Church in the Sunday-school?"
Rev. S. Shaw, Marmont, Ind.
9:45—b. "And How Increase Our Adult Classes?"
Benj. Ashbaucher, Bluffton, Ind.
10:00—General discussion of above topics.
10:15—"Good Order in the Sunday-school, and Who Is Responsible for It?"
Rev. F. Ware, Three Rivers, Mich.
10:30—General discussion.
10:45—Statistical reports of Sunday-schools.
11:30—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30—Devotional service.
2:00—"The Possibilities of the Sunday-school as Related to Conversion and Spiritual Life,"
Rev. A. B. Stoner, Fulton, Mich.
2:15—General discussion.
2:30—"Our Text Book."
a. "How Study It?"
Rev. Israel Rothenberger, Plymouth, Ind.
2:40—b. "Who May Teach It?"
Anthony Deahl, Esq., Goshen, Ind.
2:50—"How Teach It?"
D. W. Souder, Fort Wayne, Ind.
3:00—General discussion.
3:15—Question drawer.
3:45—Reports of committees and miscellaneous business.
4:30—Adjournment.

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N. B.—Every Sunday-school in the classis is entitled to a representation two delegates at this convention.

A SERMON FOR THE CHILDREN.

Sabbath evening May 1st, the pastor will preach a sermon to children and young people. Every child of the Sabbath school and their friends will be expected at this service. It is hoped the parents of the children will also be at this service. Let us have a large attendance, and let us pray for a blessing upon this meeting.

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SAD AND SORROWING.

At an early hour Saturday morning April 2nd, Bessie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troxal departed this life. A few days prior she was taken ill with what was thought to be an attack of croup, but her illness rapidly developed into the most malignant form of diphtheria. Every possible effort was made to save the life of this little one, but all was in vain. Her sufferings were intense, and relief only came when the fatal disease had wrought its work and the spirit taken its flight to that "Better World," where sickness and death shall never enter.

Little Bessie was a very interesting and affectionate child, a favorite with everyone. She was just at an age when childhood becomes intensely interesting to the parent, and when the child is the joy and sunlight of the home. How busy are the little hands, and how tireless the little feet all day long. How much these little ones are missed when they are taken from us. A sad and solemn stillness reigns in the nursery. The home is desolate, and the heart disconsolate and bereft. We can only console our sorrowing hearts with the assurance that what is our loss, is the everlasting gain of our departed. They have entered upon that life which knows no ills, no sufferings, no tears, no sad farewells, no sin, no perils. The spirit is at rest and peace forever. In that "Home Beyond" our departed will await our coming. Long years may intervene, but by earnest toil and faithful watching we shall meet them again. Parent's hearts may sorrow long, but at eventide there shall be light.

Bessie was aged 3 years, 2 months, and 21 days. On Sabbath afternoon, April 3rd, the little body was laid away to rest peacefully in the Lindenwood.

THURSDAY, April 28th, the pastor was called to Payne, Ohio, to officiate at the funeral of Cornelius E. Miller, son-in-law of Rev. J. W. Barber, pastor of the Reformed Church of that place. Mr. Miller had been in failing

health for a year past, but was not confined to his room until within a short time prior to his death. He died Tuesday morning, April 26th, aged 35 years, 6 months and 21 days. He was married to Miss Orpha Barber, Nov. 10th, 1889. It is sad, indeed that a bond, fruitful of so much happiness and bliss, should be broken so soon. Mr. Miller was a very affectionate and devoted husband, and the bereaved wife, yet so young in years, has the sympathy of her many friends in the loss which she has sustained. The deceased was held in high esteem by the community, as was evident from the large attendance of friends and citizens at the funeral services. Some over two years ago, he became a member of the Reformed Church at Payne, of which he remained an earnest and devoted member to the time of his death. Soon after his connection with the church he was elected to the office of deacon, in this calling he was active and commended himself with favor to the church and community. He was also an earnest worker in the Sabbath-school, having had charge of a class of young ladies, who were very much attached to him as a teacher. It seems unfortunate indeed that the church should lose a member so devoted, and one whose life had been so useful. But the Lord knows what is best, and we can only submit to His ruling. Life's labors are now completed and the servant of the Lord has now gone to his reward. This sainted brother was fully resigned to the will of the Lord. He was ready to go at the Master's calling, and gave full evidence of his preparation for death. What a comfort to bereaved and sorrowing friends to know that their departed have gone to the "Home beyond."

"There, hand in hand, firm-linked at last,
And, heart to heart, enfolded all,
We'll smile upon the troubled past,
And wonder why we wept at all."

A mistake was made by the deacons in issuing the statements of the member's accounts with the church for the first quarter of this year. The statements indicated the amounts due for the quarter, but gave the amount of weekly payments for two Sabbaths in the second quarter. While nearly all the members have paid up in full to date, they have not over-paid as the statements indicated. The members of the church will please take notice of this error.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS will hold its annual meeting at Millersburg, Ind., beginning May the 11th. The sessions will likely continue for two or three days. A full attendance of ministers and elders is expected.

over \$80.00 from the dinners and suppers served during the Grand Army Encampment. The church has abundant reasons to feel gratified over the results of this enterprise. We were very much pleased to see such unanimity of effort and harmony among the ladies in their undertaking. Every person was happy and busy. Mr. John Shearer deserves special credit and thanks of the church for the successful work which he did in hustling his old comrades in to the dinners and suppers. He was just the right man in the right place, and worked with untiring energy. The ladies are already planning for another such an enterprise in the near future. The members of the church will do well to keep themselves in line for work on short notice.

MARRIAGES AT THE PARSONAGE.

Thursday, April 21, Jeremiah G. Garman, and Lillie B. Myers, residing near Collingswood, Allen Co., Ind.

Sabbath evening, April 24, Samuel Lantz and Jennie Evard, of St. Joe townspip.

May life's voyage be calm and happy for these young people.

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Teachers meetings will hereafter be held on Wednesday evenings after the prayer meeting.

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Mrs. John Vordermark continues seriously ill. We are glad to find her so patient and resigned.

Rev. Dr. Wherry gave us a capital address on "Missionary Work in Indiana," Sabbath evening April 24th.

Mrs. Alice Grisso has been summoned home on account of the illness of her mother. She will remain for an indefinite length of time.

Arrangements will be made by which we hope to be able to have frequent Sabbath evening concerts given by the Sabbath-school.

Mrs. James Evard has been in poor health for some months past, but from last reports was slowly regaining strength. We hope she may soon fully recover.

Mrs. Zartman and Mrs. Miller have been elected delegates by the ladies society to the classical missionary so-

cietry convening at Millersburg, Ind., May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bolender and daughter Millia, of Akron, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paulus and Father Bolender at the Rich.

Mrs. Jacob Rudisels kindly remembered the pastor's family at Easter, with a supply of fresh eggs and a nice young chicken. Such kindness is always appreciated.

Rev. J. H. Albright has accepted a call from the Waterloo charge, and will soon enter upon his work in this field. We shall be glad to have this brother for such a near neighbor.

At the anniversary services Whit-Sunday, June 6th, an opportunity will be given for persons who may desire to unite with the church to be received. Baptism will be administered to adults and children.

Rev. Wm. M. Bell, President and Superintendent of the Indiana Sunday School Union, has given his promise to be present at the Classical Sunday School Convention to be held at Millersburg, May 10th and 11th. Mr. Bell is an efficient and enthusiastic worker and we shall be glad to have him at our meetings.

Easter Monday evening the pastor held communion services at the Salem Reformed Church near Collingswood. The attendance was large and the services pleasant and we trust profitable to all. The Sabbath school of this church was organized April 13, with John Warner as superintendent.

Wednesday evening, April 20, the pastor assisted at the installation of Rev. Israel Rothenberger, pastor of the Reformed church at Plymouth, Ind. This church is doing very encouraging work under the care of this brother. A parsonage is in process of erection, which when completed will be a valuable acquisition to the church property, and a great convenience to the pastor.

Friday evening, April 22, the pastor preached at Goshen, Ind. It was a great pleasure to meet these people again. The attendance was quite large at this service, affording us an opportunity of meeting a very large number of our former parishioners. This church has been without a pastor for some eight months. Efforts are now made to secure a minister for them at an early date. No preventing Providence, we shall spend Sabbath, May 16th, with this church, and hold communion services for them.

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May 1. True Repentance. How
Shown? Psalm 51:3; Luke 19:8-10;
1 John 1:9. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

May 8. Public Worship. A Privilege
and a Duty. Psalms 84; Heb.
10:25. Clara Piepenbrink.

May 15. Reasons for Praising God,
Psalms 103:1-5. Eph. 3:20, 21. Lillie
Vordermark.

May 22. Steadfastness. Sam. 1:8;
1 Cor. 15:58. Birdie Saffern.

May 29. What does God Reveal,
and to Whom? Dan. 2:21, 30, 47;
1 Cor. 2:9, 10. Eugene Mathis.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has established
a Round Table, which meets at the
church parlors every Tuesday evening.
So far these meetings have been
pleasant and profitable. It is hoped
that by this means our young people
may become better acquainted
with each other, and that other
young people can be reached, and in
duced to unite with the society.

The monthly meeting of the Young
People's Society will be held Tuesday
evening, May 3d. Let every member
be at this meeting.

A Junior Society of Christian
endeavor is in process of organization.
A large number of boys and girls
have already registered as members
of this department. There should be
at least fifty or sixty charter members.
The time when the juniors will have
their regular meetings is not yet de-
termined, possibly on Sunday after-
noons. The following is the Junior
pledge:

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ
for strength, I promise Him I will
strive to do whatever He would like
to have me do; that I will pray and
read the Bible every day; and that,
just so far as I know how, I will try
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